

**ARGUMENT AND REMARKS**

***Status of Claims***

Claims 43, 49, 57, and 66 have been amended.

Claims 2-35, and 47 have been canceled.

Thus, claims 1, 36-46, and 48-67 are currently pending in this application.

Applicants hereby request further examination and reconsideration of the presently claimed application.

***Response to Restriction Requirement***

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1, 36-42, 48, 64, and 66, drawn to a process for preparing perindopril, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. Applicants have amended the remaining claims of Groups II-IV to depend from elected Group I.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants respectfully look forward to the Examiner's substantive action on the pending claims. If the Examiner believes it would assist in expediting the application, Applicants welcome a telephone conference with the Examiner to improve understanding of and resolve any questions or issues of the Examiner.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee connected with this communication to Deposit Account No. 50-1515, Conley Rose, P.C.

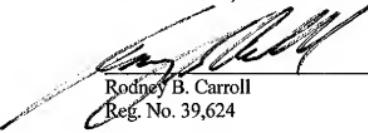
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